

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 809  
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Suzanne Poole upon her selection as Teacher of the Year at Miller Boyd Alternative School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Suzanne Poole is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Poole has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at Miller Boyd Alternative School, an honor most befitting her outstanding 15-year tenure as a positive influence on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Ms. Poole will compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to proceed to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity at Miller Boyd for eight years as a math and language arts teacher, Suzanne Poole has a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Clemson University, and an Associate of Science degree in Education from Walter State Community College; and

WHEREAS, while obtaining her Master's degree, Ms. Poole was recognized as the "Best All Around Student" in her program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Poole is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, at Miller Boyd Alternative School, Ms. Poole serves as the coordinator of testing and as a member of the school improvement committee; while teaching special education at West Elementary School, she served on the school improvement committee and as coordinator of the gifted and talented committee; and

WHEREAS, a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Suzanne Poole has served as recording secretary, chaplain, ADK week chair, scholarship committee chair, and by-laws committee member for this organization, an honor sorority for female educators; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne Poole truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; she also serves the next generation of educators as a resident teacher for student teachers; and

WHEREAS, nominated for the 2000 ARC Teacher of the Year award, Ms. Poole has provided outlets for national recognition to her students; her class's poetry has been published in the *Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans*; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Suzanne Poole should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Suzanne Poole on being chosen as Miller Boyd Alternative School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.